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Re: New U.S. Patent Application Entitled: A RECORD AND RELATED METHOD
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. Please accord this application a serial number and filing date.

1. An application consisting of 20 pages, including a title page, abstract, 3 independent claims and a total of 24 claims.
2. Drawings consisting of 4 sheets of formal drawings containing 4 figures (Figs. 1 to 4).

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f). An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney will be filed after the issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts, along with the necessary filing and late fees.



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